

*I will not take time to re-read it for*

OFFICE OF

## NOTES AND QUERIES

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*H. V. T. Parsell*

*My Dear Sir and Bro -*

*I came to my office this morning early for the purpose of writing you a long letter, so to cover as much ground as I can now, and will, therefore, divide this up in chapters, so to speak.*

*I received yours just as I was going away for a day, and when I returned I was little under the weather myself. My trip away was to Salem, Mass., and Boston to consult with some leading R. C. members*

about the thought-to-be  
prospective creation of  
a new order of thing  
as to Rascism  
in the U.S. I did have good  
luck to find all three  
in their each several  
offices. 1 in Salem, and 2  
in Boston. and, am well  
paid for the time taken  
for I have information  
as to the status of things  
First to some humble  
time. I loan you my  
History of the R.C. for  
its modern re-creation in  
England (I send by this  
mail) you can keep it  
a month or more till  
you have time to read it.  
Bro. W. W. Westcott is at  
the head, and a reliable  
man. You probably  
know all this well enough

more than I do, and per-  
 haps you already have the  
 little history. If so you  
 can return at your leisure.  
 Now I fear I have been  
 little premature, in at-  
 tending to this stage of asking  
 Dr. Cymmer to ~~think~~ <sup>send</sup> early  
 sending ~~the~~ to you his  
 circulars (I said circu-  
 lars to him). But I am  
 glad he sent his books,  
 but let me say right-  
 here, Bro Parcell, do  
 not be in haste in  
 going forward with him.  
 I have been trying  
 to draw him out - but  
 I felt a reticence on  
 his part in his letters  
 to me. So resolved  
 on our interview with

my Frater members of the  
Darnant Boston College  
first: - and so I have  
delayed answering two  
letters from Dr. Clynning  
till this day.

Now to begin with your  
letter.

I read the "Militia" book  
and I confess I never  
heard of the Green as  
in any way of a R. C.  
trigle. John Parker  
does mention it.

(See The Roseman, for  
July 1907. Vol. 3. p. 124, note)

I had not got to Gould's  
History yet, but you have  
now announced that to  
me. I am somewhat  
familiar with Oliver.

MacKay, Muckinzie, etc., etc,  
but do not recall it in them.

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So my little arcane societies  
do not mention it.

I am not going to mix  
up with no "Militia" re-  
creations. This is enough  
for this matter.

Now Dr. Cyren's. Credentials  
I have not obtained yet,  
and he does not even  
mention Lodge, Chapter,  
Council, or any title in his  
letters to me. I must go  
slow. In fact I never  
heard of Dr. Cyren till  
I saw his book men-  
tioned in the Metaphysical  
Magazine of your city.  
I think April No. which I  
immediately order from  
the Office of Magazine 500  
6th Ann. And forward it  
was all conveyed from  
Dana, Randolph, Westcott,

garb, gummies. ments,  
etc. etc. I got his "Philosophy  
of Love."

Then he sent me his  
"Ancient Mystic Ceremonial Masonry"  
Then "Love Spiritualism"  
Then "Divine Alchemy"

Now there are 7 volumes  
before me. by Dr. Chymus  
Preston Count de St. Fiacre  
of the "Initia" as Chymus, but  
I do not know certain  
yet. (Nous verrons).

Now don't let a word I  
say here influence you.  
I am sometimes apt to be  
be over-optimistic in  
my final impression, but  
most of us can almost-  
see a man's mind in  
his words when he  
writes, as if as Poe says, "in  
his soul he did outpour."

Bro. Parrell. <sup>3 1/2</sup> I am very free  
with-you for I can I  
think divine you through  
and through, and I know  
if I could see you  
a few hours. Tell you  
much more than I  
can ~~write~~. and cover  
much more ground.

There are many who  
want the R. C. Grades  
in the East here, and  
two in this city - but -  
I have not told  
them what I have  
written you, and why,  
because, if a new  
U. S. College is to be  
re-created in N. Y. C. in  
the near future, these  
two ~~will~~ would not  
be there. And when  
such is done. We

want same men who  
are men, and from a  
soul and body. That they  
own themselves, and  
we do not want too  
many. There will be  
no delay in receiving  
members.

I know now where our  
(i.e. Boston College archives  
are) and when we  
can get at them. I think  
I can secure several  
sets of the printed  
pamphlets - albums, etc.)

I hope I shall not  
tire you as I have  
not more sheets yet  
to fill. And then we  
will wait awhile  
for further light:-



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Now as R. C. Degrees. Rites.  
The little history should be  
sufficient:-

The R. C. Grades IX have  
nothing whatever to do  
with the 18<sup>th</sup> Degree  
of A. V. A. S. R. and that  
Rite has no jurisdiction  
whatever over the R. C.  
Grades. and each will  
take care of himself.  
Any bright Mason who  
is up ~~to~~ in its history  
knows where the A. V. A. S.  
Rite got there 18<sup>th</sup> Degree.  
I think every member of  
the Boston College was  
a 32° or 33° and such a  
question was never  
mentioned or discussed  
at its session. All  
of the Supreme Body at

Phila. in 1880 num 33<sup>a</sup>. I think, but I believe all are now deceased but one, ~~and he says he~~ is I was about to quote from a letter to me, a few years ago. I do not think he is living.

VII Grades are given or conferred (as the case may be) the VIII Grade is conferred by a member of the Supreme Body called the High Council - Societati's Prae-Crucianæ -

Chas J. McClenahan conferred the VIII Grade on me with one other at Hotel Brunswick Boston in the Middle Eighties (my record is at home)

Bro. Parcell, I am aware that the R. C. Grades and

The 18<sup>th</sup> Degree, has been un-  
discussed by some  
members.

I am aware of the dis-  
cussions that exist in  
the upper bodies, in U. S.

I am aware how the  
Chain has been tolerated, etc.  
But I will not dis-  
cuss these matters here.

Now, as to Ark Mariner.

My Brother Chas. C. Smith,  
an Attorney of his Brother, and  
resides Portsmouth, N.H.,  
has been here to see me,  
(and he is an anxious worker  
for the R. C. Grades. but  
I have not yet informed him  
of these matters before res.)

It is not time yet, till  
I know where I am  
at with these New men.

Chas C. Smith - is very anxious  
for me to go to Newbury, Me.,  
in July with a few candi-  
dats from Portsmouth and  
around there, and take  
the Ark Degree with  
them. He left a petition  
with me to fill out -  
but I told him I won't  
wait till I heard from  
you, and as if I went  
to your city. I did  
expect to go to your city  
this month, and maybe  
I may hear from a lady  
who wants me to ex-  
amine her deceased hus-  
band's library before it  
is put to the market, or  
advise with her how  
best to dispose of it.  
I will send this so it will  
reach you Saturday <sup>if it</sup>  
on your return from work.

I have just-re-read your letter, and I think I had better add a few words. The High Commune was introduced from England in 1879-1880, and lived for some 20 years in U.S. If the U.S. R.C. are claudesmi than the ~~to~~ High Commune is claudesmi and all of us.

My Brother, It is not so.

But the new proposed one I am not championing yet, and I am going to try and know who is who, in a week or so, and will let you know.

There were two R.C. Societies in the U.S. before the

Chorlton one in 1840, but-  
they were both self-con-  
stituted and one had a  
thin degree circle, but it  
scarcely excluded out of  
Boston, and fell into dis-  
repute. I was not a  
member of either and but  
two or three members are  
known. It was the Randolph  
Creation. Randolph did go  
to England in 1860 and  
receive the grades or  
some of them. He was a  
learned man, but in no  
sense a leader, and un-  
reliable, and the sequel is  
told. As for the Dorod  
Branch. Little is known only  
from his books. John Henry  
of Illinois was the "Door  
of the Temple". I think he  
is deceased. Dorod  
is living in his dotage.

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The same of the matter is  
can we find sufficient  
no. of R. C. in possession  
of the groves, to revive  
the High Curial Charter,  
or get a new one.

Q. revive some College  
Charters, and form a  
new High Curial, and  
go on. I wish it  
could be done.

As I recall matters Nov.  
2 or many proceeded as  
follows. Baltimore,  
New York, Burlington,  
Philadelphia, Boston,  
I think there were two  
others ~~to~~ around their  
charters, and held only  
one meeting.  
I have some data and  
some is verbal.

There. I have written twice  
as much as I intended  
but I felt - as if I would  
take time one day this  
winter before you  
and let us ~~any~~ <sup>any</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> the  
situation.

I don't want to make  
any false steps. The  
U.S. is a grand field  
and should be cul-  
tivated..

I am not a candidate for  
any office whatum, nor  
want any. I would hope  
move on.

Well. I will try and see  
you sometime

Believe me  
Yours fraternally  
S.C. Gould

I sent the 6 Nov. this for some  
Let the N+2 go till I see you I am

Still back in the